PROGRAM PURPOSE: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), continues without change the technical assistance, standards development, and workforce development programs. The program is intended to: (1) Carry out technical assistance activities that enable more effective and efficient delivery of transportation services, foster compliance with federal laws, and improve public transportation service; (2) Develop standards and best practices for the transit industry; and (3) Address public transportation workforce needs through research, outreach, training and the implementation of a frontline workforce grant program, and conduct training and educational programs in support of the public transportation industry.

Statutory References: 49 U.S.C. § 5314

Eligible Recipients: Federal government departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the government; Metropolitan Planning Organizations; state and local governmental entities; providers of public transportation; and national nonprofit organizations that have the appropriate demonstrated capacity to provide public transportation-related technical assistance.

Eligible Activities: The law continues without change the broad range of activities eligible under Sec. 5314, including:

- Technical assistance
- The development of voluntary and consensus-based standards and best practices by the public transportation industry, including standards and best practices for safety, fare collection, intelligent transportation systems, accessibility, procurement, security, asset management to maintain a state of good repair, operations, maintenance, vehicle propulsion, communications, and vehicle electronics
• Programs that address human resource needs as they apply to public transportation activities such as an employment training program and outreach
• Activities related to the National Transit Institute